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SUBJECT: ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS -- INCANDESCENT LAMPS FROM
HUNGARY

REF: A) BUDAPEST 3429 B) STATE 198756 C) STATE 208922
D) BUDAPEST 3465

1. PARA 4 OF REF A SUGGESTS POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF
CURRENT STATUS OF PROCEEDINGS ON HUNGARIAN LIGHTBULBS.
REFERRAL OF CASE TO USITC WAS MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 201
(C) OF ANTIDUMPING ACT TO ENABLE ITC TO DETERMINE WHETHER
THERE IS A "REASONABLE INDICATION OF INJURY" AS A RESULT
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OF ALLEGED SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE. CASE WAS
REFERRED BEFORE ANNOUNCEMENT OF TWO DECISIONS IN LAST FEW
WEEKS (PERCHLORETHYLENE FROM BELGIUM, FRANCE AND ITALY AND
STAINLESS STEEL WIRE FROM JAPAN) WHICH REFLECT ITC
MAJORITY CURRENTLY HAS VERY LOW THRESHOLD FOR FINDING A
"REASONABLE INDICATION" OF INJURY. USITC VOTE SCHEDULED
FOR AUGUST 31.

2. TREASURY HAS ASKED COUNSEL FOR ALL PARTIES TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON WHETHER HUNGARY SHOULD BE REGARDED A "STATE CONTROLLED ECONOMY" WITHIN MEANING OF SECTION 205(C) OF

ANTIDUMPING ACT FOR PURPOSE OF THIS CASE. WESTINGHOUSE HAS SUBMITTED EXTENSIVE LETTER URGING THIS BE DONE. DOWNEY, COUNSEL FOR TUNGSRAM, HAS ADVISED HE WILL NOT FILE ANY COMMENTS. HE REQUESTED THAT PROPOSED DECISION BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENTS, WHICH TREASURY DECLINED. HE ALSO ASKED THAT ANY DECISION BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER ITC ACTS. ALTHOUGH TREASURY MADE NO COMMITMENTS, THIS IS LIKELY.

3. IF CASE IS NOT TERMINATED BY ITC AND IF HUNGARY IS DEEMED "STATE CONTROLLED" TREASURY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE HUNGARIAN HOME MARKET PRICES TO ESTABLISH FAIR VALUE. UNDER NEW REGULATIONS (REF B) TREASURY WOULD LOOK FIRST TO PRICES IN OTHER ECONOMIES DEEMED TO BE OF "COMPARABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" IN WHICH SUCH BULBS ARE MADE AND SOLD. GOH MIGHT BE ADVISED TO CONSIDER WHICH COUNTRIES IT WOULD SUGGEST BE EXAMINED FOR THIS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, SINCE TUNGSRAM NOW REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL, WE ASSUME THE COMPANY IS PURSUING THIS MATTER.

4. RE REF D, EHRENHAFT PLANS TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 12 ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAN AM 66 AT 1155 AND DEPART OCTOBER 14 ON SR 469 AT 0915. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE SINGLE ROOM AT HILTON OR GELLERT FOR NIGHTS OF OCTOBER 12-13.

5. INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS PROVIDED ABOVE WAS SUPPLIED BY TREASURY DEPARTMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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